Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device in the handling of containers, by means of which device (30) at least two containers ~~(10)~~ (20) that are placed on top of one another are handled, which device (30) comprises a frame (10), ~~to whose~~ having guides (11) to which end pieces (12) ~~have been~~ are movably attached, ~~which~~ wherein said end pieces (12) comprise attachment members (31, 32) for attaching the device (30) to ~~the~~ corner fittings of the lowermost container(s) (20) of ~~the~~ said at least two containers (20) placed on top of one another, wherein guide pins (34) used for aligning the device (30) have been fixed to the end pieces (12) moving on the guides of the frame (10), ~~which~~ wherein said guide pins have been arranged to be placed into ~~the~~ apertures in the upper surface of the top corner fittings of the uppermost container(s) of the containers (20) which have been placed on top of one another, and that the device (30) is a lifting device attached to a length-adjustable gripping member of a container transfer device by ~~its~~ twist lock pins of said adjustable gripping member.

2. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the device (30) comprises~~ said attachment members (31, 32) ~~which~~ are attached to the apertures of the corner fittings of the ~~container~~ lowermost container(s) (20) and which attachment members (31, 32) ~~have been~~ are placed on the end pieces of the device (30) which have been connected to each other with longitudinal ~~frame structures (10, 11)~~ portions of said frame (10, 11).

3. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame (10) of the device (30) is a framework provided with guides (11).

4. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the end pieces (12) of the device (30) comprise horizontal beams (15) movable on the guides (11) of the frame (10), support beams (13) and attachment points (33_{20}, 33_{40}) for twist lock pins of a container transfer device, and vertical beams (16) and beams (17, 18) to which the attachment members (31, 32) have been fixed.

5. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the attachment members (31, 32) are flexible such that the attachment members which are not in use are retracted so that they reside within said end pieces ~~inside~~.

6. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guides (11) of the frame (10) are telescopic frames, so that the length of the frame can be adjusted.

7. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame (10) of the device is fixed.

8. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the device (10) comprises~~ said guide pins (34) which have been arranged to be positioned in the apertures of the upper surface of the top corner fittings of the uppermost container, and a guide member (37) disposed in connection with the end piece to ~~centre~~ center the device in place.

9. (Currently Amended) A method in the handling of containers, in which method at least two containers (20) that are placed on top of one another and are ~~handled by means of~~ fitted with a container transfer device~~, which container transfer device comprises a gripping member or equivalent, in which method at least two containers (20) placed on top of one another are handled and in which method for handling containers (20)~~ are handled by a lifting device (30); wherein said container transfer device comprises a length adjustable gripping member; and wherein said lifting device is ~~used which is~~ placed on the containers (20)~~, placed on top of one another,~~ and attached to corner fittings (21, 22) of the containers (20) such that attachment members (31, 32) situated on end pieces (12) fixed to guides (11) of a frame (10) of the lifting device (30) are arranged to be attached to ~~the~~ apertures in the corner fittings (21, 22) of the container (20), wherein in the method, the lifting device (30) is aligned in place by means of guide pins (34) placed on the end pieces (12) moving on the guides (11) of the frame (10), which guide pins (34) are placed in the apertures of the upper surface of the top corner fittings (21) of the uppermost container (20), and that the lifting device (30) used in the method is ~~a lifting device~~ attached to a said length adjustable gripping member of the container transfer device by ~~its~~ twist lock pins of said length adjustable gripping member.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein in the method, the lifting device is further aligned in place by means of guide members (37) fixed to the end pieces (12).